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TAGS: PROG, OAS, OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)  
SUBJ: SECRETARY'S BILATERAL WITH PARAGUAYAN FONMIN NOGUES-  
JUNE 15

1. PARTICIPANTS: US: THE SECRETARY, MR HABIB, AMB TODMAN,  
MRS VAN REIGERSBERG (INTERPRETER), JANET RUBEN, USOAS  
(NOTETAKER). PARAGUAY: FONMIN ALBERTO NOGUES, AMB MARIO  
LOPEZ ESCOBAR, SENATOR CARLOS A SALDIVAR.

2. SUBJECTS: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. AFTER EXCHANGING COURTESIES, NOGUES THANKED THE US FOR  
SUPPORT IN ALL SPHERES, BUT ESPECIALLY FOR ECONOMIC AID  
FOR LARGE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN PARAGUAY. LATER IN THE  
CONVERSATION HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE US WOULD  
CONTINUE TO SUPPORT PARAGUAY'S LOAN REQUESTS IN THE IFIS  
AND TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

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4. WITH REGARD TO DEVELOPMENT, NOGUES REFERRED TO THE  
POLITICAL EVENTS IN PARAGUAY'S RECENT HISTORY WHICH  
IMPEDED ITS PROGRESS. HE STATED THAT UNDER STROESSNER  
PARAGUAYAN SOCIETY HAD FLOURISHED; THAT PARLIAMENT IS  
ALIVE AND WELL, WHILE FREE SPEECH AND CRITICISM OF THE  
GOVERNMENT ARE PERMITTED. HE SAID THAT ALL FREEDOMS  
ARE BROADLY RESPECTED, WITH A FEW RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED

FOR SECURITY REASONS.

5. AS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, NOGUES REITERATED THE IDEAS PUT FORTH IN HIS INTERVENTION AT THE INFORMAL DIALOGUES THAT AFTERNOON. HE SAID THAT PARAGUAY WOULD COOPERATE WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (IAHRC). THEY ARE STILL CONSIDERING THE PROSPECT OF INVING THE COMMISSION TO PARAGUAY, AND HE REMINDED THE SECRETARY THAT THIS IS A PREROGATIVE OF EACH COUNTRY. HE SAID RE-ASSURINGLY THAT THE BEST WILL EXISTS TOWARD THE COMMISSION, BUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT MUST CONSULT PUBLIC OPINION AND THE PARTY BEFORE MAKING A FINAL DECISION.

6. THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED THE STRONG HOPE THAT PARAGUAY WOULD INVITE THE COMMISSION, NOTING THAT THIS WOULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE HEMISPHERE AND WOULD PROVIDE PARAGUAY AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE. THE SECRETARY ADDED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER THOUGHT PARAGUAY WOULD INVITE THE COMMISSION AND ASKED WHEN THE VISIT WOULD TAKE PLACE.

7. IN RESPONSE, NOGUES PROMISED TO CONVEY THE SENSE OF THIS CONVERSATION WITH THE SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT STROESSNER AND SAID THAT HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE A DECISION SOON. HE SAID THAT THE US CAN COUNT ON PARAGUAY FOR COOPERATION IN PROMOTING FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN VALUES. NOT TO COOPERATE IN THE STRENGTHENING OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION WOULD BE SUICIDAL, HE SAID. HE PROMISED THAT PARAGUAY WOULD TAKE THE ACTIONS  
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NECESSARY TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH THE US AND ASSURED THE SECRETARY THAT IN SAYING THIS, HE WAS SURE HE WAS INTREPTING THE FEELINGS OF STROESSNER. THE SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD TELL PRESIDENT CARTER AND THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE PLEASED.  
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